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lowing heads: The Supreme Court; Appeals from Federal Courts; The Circuit Courts; Removal of Suits; Habeas Corpus; Procedure and Practice; The District Courts; and, finally, Admiralty. There is also a very complete index. The ideas follow each other naturally and logically; each is fully discussed and the authorities thereon cited. Where less important branches are left untouched, there is always a statement to that effect and reference is made to the works in which a treatment of the point may be found.

All lovers of an able and well written law-book should be grateful to Mr. Merwin by whose efforts this work of standard legal and literary value has been given a renewed term of usefulness.

M. L., Jr.

MARKETABLE TITLE TO REAL ESTATE, being also a Treatise on the Rights and Remedies of Vendors and Purchasers of Defective Titles, including the Law of Covenants for Title, the Doctrine of Specific Performance and other kindred subjects. By Chapman W. Maupin, of the Washington (D. C.) Bar. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Company. 1896.

This work is, as the author states, not a treatise on real property generally, but on the law of title to real property, as applied between vendor and purchaser. Matters usually found in the reports, digests. and case-books under the heads of Vendor and Purchaser, Covenants for Title, Specific Performance, Equity Jurisprudence, Deeds, Titles to Real Estate, Real Property, Abstracts of Title, Subrogation, and kindred subjects, have been gathered into a single volume, and so arranged as to make them easily accessible. The system is unusually good. The treatise appears also to be reliable. ing § 98, however, the question arises whether the author is correct in his statement of the rule of law that where a vendor having the equitable title to land, sells expecting to get in the legal title and to be able to convey at the appointed time, he is liable to damages for the loss of the bargain. The author has cited as the leading case on this point Hopkins v. Grazebrook, 6 B. & C. 31, apparently overlooking the fact that this case was overruled by the House of Lords in Bain v. Fothergill, L. R. 7, H. L. 158, which establishes the rule that with such facts the vendor is liable to nominal damages only. On the whole, however, the book possesses exceptional merit as an accurate, comprehensive, and well-written treatise on a practical branch of the law of real property. W. C. D., Jr.

COMMENTARIES ON THE LAW OF PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. By SEYMOUR D. THOMPSON, LL.D. San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney Company. 1895-96. Six Volumes.

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